

Power of trustees.

SEC. 4. The trustees so as aforesaid chosen, and their successors in office, shall have full power and authority to enter or purchase said lands at the proper land office, in trust for the corporation whom they represent, according to the provisions of the laws of the United States in relation to town sites, and to convey the same to the proprietors thereof according to their respective interests therein, according to the laws of this State.

SEC. 5. This act shall, immediately after its passage, be printed by the State Printer, and when so published, shall take effect and be in full force.

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Chapter 152.

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AN ACT to provide means to pay State indebtedness.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Failing to pay State tax—
duty of State treasurer.

SECTION 1. In case any county in this State shall hereafter fail, neglect, or refuse, for the space of thirty days after the time appointed by law for the payment of State taxes due from any county to the State, to pay such taxes at the time and place the same are required by law to be paid, then the State Treasurer shall charge interest against said county on the whole amount of such taxes due from any such delinquent county from the time such delinquency occurs until the payment of such taxes, at the rate of twenty-five per centum per annum, until the whole sum of unpaid taxes shall be paid by such delinquent county to the State, as required by law; and if at the time of the payment of the taxes by such county, the interest is not then paid in full by such county, then the interest money so accrued shall be added to the ensuing amount of State taxes to be raised and paid to the State by such delinquent county; *Provided*, That no interest shall be charged on any taxes now due from any county in this State until after the first day of July, A. D. 1858.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State To add twenty five per cent. at the time he notifies the clerks of the boards of supervisors of the several counties in this State of the amount of State tax assessed against their respective counties, as provided in chapter seventy-three of the general laws of the year 1854, to add to such amount twenty-five per centum on the amount of State tax which may be due from any of such counties to this State; and said twenty-five per centum shall be levied and collected in said counties as a part of the State tax, and paid into the State Treasury as State taxes are now required by law to be paid.

SEC. 3. Each county treasurer in this State at the time required by law for the payment of State taxes in case he does not pay in the full amount due from his county, shall file with the State Treasurer an oath or affirmation, that he has returned and paid into the State Treasury the whole amount of State taxes which has come into his hands, stating particularly the amount received from each town and city; and if any county treasurer shall be guilty of false swearing in taking such oath or affirmation, he shall be adjudged guilty of perjury, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as now provided by law in other cases of willful and corrupt perjury. If such county treasurer shall fail to make and file such oath or affirmation as herein provided, and pay into the State Treasury the whole amount of State taxes which shall have come into his hands, he shall, in addition to other penalties now provided by law, be subject to a penalty of one thousand dollars, which shall be collected on the official bond of such treasurer. County treasurer to file oath with State treasurer—what to specify.

SEC. 4. If any town treasurer in this State shall fail to pay over to the county treasurer the amount of State tax due from his town, collected by him as required by the warrant authorizing the collection of such taxes, he shall, in addition to all other penalties, be liable to a fine of five hundred dollars, to be collected on his official bond. When town treasurers liable to fine.

SEC. 5. No county in this State shall draw any money from the State Treasury while such county is indebted to the State for State tax.

SEC. 6. This act shall be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 17th, 1858.